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It is with the utmost respect and confidence that I address you with my grievances. It is without question that Microsoft has practiced monopolistic business practices. They have grossly hindered innovation by dismantling the machine of progress. Buying out competitors, and using an army of lawyers to protect their actions. While the army of lawyers and publicists have sold us a tale of a company that encourages competition by providing us software. They no longer sell us software they rent it to us behind EULA that forces us to surrender the fair use of the products they offer. They have taken drastic steps to prevent pc manufactures from selling pc without windows at the same time claiming to support innovation and diversity. They have eliminated the consumer's ability to choose other products. Consumers are the worse for the monopolies actions. The economy is dependant on innovation to create and maintain new industries and new technologies and in turn those innovations create new industries that they create. It is this injustice to the economy of the United States of America that is the true injustice. This is precisely why the Anti-Trust Laws exist to protect small businesses, major corporations and the innovations that make this nation great. The illegal and destructive damage caused by Microsoft have gone unpunished because they have a well funded army to hide behind. The money earned for the products forced upon a society without choice is used to further entrench the position of power by removing competitors. The list of companies and technologies they have assimilated include the likes of Novell, Sun, and IBM along with numbers of smaller ones. Netscape Navigator is a product from the top of the list.

I hope you will repay the injustice of this giant monopoly Microsoft Corporation by breaking the stranglehold they have on our country. Every empire is built at a cost. Microsoft has paid with the innovations of an industry. They're plunder is at the expense of our way of life and our liberty.

Open Source the technologies they have hindered. Break their hold on the industry. Prevent them from making deals with OEM's and forcing their product on a us. Provide the ability for others to create similar products that will promote competition.

Separate the Browser from the operating system. Divide Microsoft into separate corporations: Operating Systems, Office Applications, and Business Class Servers.

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